



# **COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**

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## **FEMA-1491-DR-VA**

### **Commonwealth Situation Report #48**

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#### **1. Situation**

Hurricane Isabel entered Virginia September 18 after making landfall along the North Carolina Outer Banks. The Commonwealth sustained winds near 100 mph and tropical storm winds for 29 hours. The hurricane produced storm surge of 5 to 8 feet along the coast and in the Chesapeake Bay with rainfall totals between 2 to 11 inches along its track. Damages due to wind, rain, and storm surge resulted in flooding, electrical outages, debris, transportation interruption, and damaged homes and businesses. At the height of the incident approximately 6,000 residents were housed in 134 shelters and curfews were imposed in many jurisdictions. Further damages occurred when a series of thunderstorms and tornados came through many of the designated areas in the southeast portion of Virginia on September 23.

Governor Mark R. Warner declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth on September 15, 2003. Governor Warner requested, and a Major Presidential Disaster Declaration (FEMA-1491-DR-VA) was granted to Virginia on September 18, 2003. FEMA closed the incident period effective October 1, 2003. A total of 36 confirmed deaths to date.

#### **2. Current State/Federal Priorities and Objectives**

- ☐ Continue working with Public Assistance applicants.
- ☐ Continue working with Hazard Mitigation Grant Program applicants.
- ☐ Complete Other Needs Assistance program activities.

#### **3. Recovery Activities**

##### **A. Human Services:**

##### **i. Teleregistrations**

- ☐ New teleregistrations since last reporting period amount to **34** for a total of **93,223** registrations at COB **June 26**.
- ☐ Although the registration period was terminated COB December 8, individuals with extenuating circumstances can still register for FEMA assistance by calling 1-800-621-FEMA or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for the speech or hearing impaired. Lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

ii. **Small Business Administration** (as of COB *6/13/04*)

	Issued	Received	#Approved	\$ Approved	Declined	Withdrawn	Pending
<b>Home</b>	52,303	<i>7010</i>	<i>2754</i>	<i>\$59,747,700</i>	<i>3407</i>	<i>846</i>	<i>3</i>
<b>Business</b>	10,099	<i>1030</i>	<i>304</i>	<i>\$16,453,300</i>	<i>503</i>	<i>218</i>	<i>5</i>
<b>EIDL</b>	N/A	<i>1077</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>\$4,059,500</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>811</i>	<i>0</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	62,402	<i>9117</i>	<i>3247</i>	<i>\$80,260,500</i>	<i>3987</i>	<i>1875</i>	<i>8</i>

iii. **Individuals and Households Program (IHP)**

(a) **Housing**

- ☐ Temporary housing assistance dispersed **as of 6/26/04 – \$33,417,574.42**
- ☐ Residential destruction included 1,186 homes reported destroyed and 9,110 with major damage, 107,908 minor damage and those ‘affected.’ Losses are estimated at \$591,622,791.
- ☐ Of the 1,470 businesses involved, 77 are reported destroyed, 333 suffered major damage and 1,060 businesses suffered minor or casual damage. Estimated losses amount to \$84,143,356.

(b) **Other Needs Assistance (ONA) as of 6/26/04**

Amount referrals approved:	<b>\$22,771,897.49</b>
Total referrals received:	<b>43,539</b>
Total referrals approved:	<b>18,705</b>
Total referrals ineligible:	<b>23,439</b>
Total referrals withdrawn:	<b>1,354</b>
Total referrals pending:	<b>41</b>

iv. **Disaster Unemployment Assistance** (as of COB 1/26/04)

Total Claims Filed:	2,611
Approved:	2,335
Denied:	176
Amount Claims Disbursed:	\$624,724

v. **Donations Coordination**

- ☐ Calls as of COB 1/26/04 total 2,619 with 1,911 related to individual needs, 643 miscellaneous, 61 offers of donations and four calls from agencies with needs.
- ☐ Donations of goods, money and volunteer services can be made by calling the toll-free Donations Hotline at 1-877-245-5513.

vi. **Hurricane Isabel Relief Fund.**

- ☐ Fund total as of COB *6/25/04* **\$34,469.27**
- ☐ *\$15,600 has been dispersed since the last reporting period.*

vii. **Insurance Fraud Hotline**

- ☐ A total of **76** communications (as of *6/21/04*) have been received by Hotline, mail/fax and telephone by the Virginia State Police of suspected insurance fraud relative to Hurricane Isabel.

**B. Infrastructure Services:**

**i. Public Assistance Program**

- ☐ *Continue to work with localities gathering documentation, conducting site visits and attending follow-up meetings to ascertain any outstanding issues to submit to FEMA Region 3 for approval to write the project worksheets for any unresolved issues as a result of the previous outreach meetings. The deadline for Phase I – Projection Process was June 12.*
- ☐ Has received **309** Requests for Public Assistance to date in the system.
- ☐ A total of **2,338 project worksheets** have been written out of a projected **2,644 (88%)**, **2,049** obligated and **289** under review for a total of **\$243,188,794.25 obligated**.
- ☐ *Attended Joint FEMA/State VDOT Public Assistance training in Hampton Roads on May 26 and June 2.*
- ☐ *Met with officials in York County regarding unwritten project worksheets and closeout procedures.*
- ☐ *Met with officials at Colonial Beach regarding project appeals on beach and boardwalk repairs.*
- ☐ *Attended a pre-construction meeting for the City of Richmond re: Hurricane Isabel street repairs on June 25.*

**ii. Debris Management Liaison**

- ☐ No new issues.

**C. Mitigation**

- ☐ *Two FEMA DAEs are working at Trade Court from June 22 through July to support HMGP Phase II applications and training.*
- ☐ *HMPG Phase II applicant training sessions are scheduled for June 30 at Trade Court and July 6 at the James City County-Williamsburg Community City.*

**D. Legislative Liaison:**

- ☐ No new issues and all previously open issues are complete and closed.

**E. Public Affairs**

- ☐ *Launched a hurricane awareness campaign on June 1.*

**F. Disaster Recovery Task Forces**

- i. State Coordinator for Local Disaster Recovery Task Forces (LDRTF)
  - ☐ No new issues

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